To whom it may concern

Yahoo Japan Corporation

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## **Notification of Partial Revision to the Articles of Incorporation**

Yahoo Japan Corporation (hereinafter the Company) announced that the Board of Directors decided in a meeting held today to place a proposed resolution on partial revisions to the Articles of Incorporation on the agenda of the 20th ordinary shareholders meeting scheduled to be held on June 18, 2015. Details are as follows.

### I. Reasons for Revisions

- (1) Taking into consideration the future development of the YAHUOKU! business, the Company is proposing to add to the purpose of the business make the necessary changes (Proposed Change for Article 2, Item 56).
- (2) Along with the enforcement of the Act to Partially Revise the Corporation Law Act (2014 (Law No. 90)), it has become possible for the company to choose a company with an audit and supervisory committee as their form of corporate governance. From the perspective of enhancing corporate governance by strengthening monitoring role of the Board of Directors, the Company is proposing to transition to a company with an audit and supervisory committee and is therefore proposing the relevant partial revisions to the Articles of Incorporation.
- (3) Along with the enforcement of Act to Partially Revise the Corporation Law Act (2014 (Law No. 90)), it has become possible for the company to conclude a limited liability agreement with directors who are not corporate officers. To facilitate the appropriate appointment of such directors and to enable them to adequate execute their roles, the Company is proposing partial revisions to the current Article 28 (Director Liability Exemptions, to become Article 29 after changes). The proposed changes have been agreed to by all of the Company's corporate auditors.
- (4) In accordance with the above changes, the necessary adjustments to the numbering, etc. of

articles are being made.

## II. Schedule

Date of Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting at which revisions will be made

June 18, 2015 (Thursday)

Validity date of Articles of Incorporation revision

June 18, 2015 (Thursday)

# III. Details of Revisions

The amendments to be made to the Articles of Incorporation are as follows.

(Amended portions in t	he present and proposed amendments are underlined)
Present	Proposed Amendments
Chapter 1 General Provisions	Chapter 1 General Provisions
(Purpose) Article 2 The purpose of the Company shall be to operate the following businesses.	(Purpose) Article 2 The purpose of the Company shall be to operate the following businesses.
1. through 55. (Omitted) (Newly established)	1. through 55. (Same as the present) <u>56</u> . General lease business and general rental business.
56. through 64. (Omitted)	<u>57</u> . through <u>65</u> . (Same as the present)
Article 3 (Omitted)	Article 3 (Same as the present)
(Organizations) Article 4 In addition to the general meeting of the shareholders and directors, the Company shall have the following organizations.  1. Board of directors 2. Corporate auditors 3. Board of corporate auditors 4. Accounting auditor	(Organizations) Article 4 In addition to the general meeting of the shareholders and directors, the Company shall have the following organizations.  1. Board of directors 2. Audit and supervisory committee (Deleted) 3. Accounting auditor
Article 5 (Omitted)	Article 5 (Same as the present)
Chapter 2 Shares	Chapter 2 Shares
Article 6 through Article 10 (Omitted)	Article 6 through Article 10 (Same as the present)
<ul> <li>(Shareholder register administrator)</li> <li>Article 11 (First paragraph omitted)</li> <li>(2) The shareholder register administrator and location of its administration office shall be determined by resolution of the board of directors and announced publicly.</li> <li>(3) (Omitted)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(Shareholder register administrator)</li> <li>Article 11 (First paragraph same as the present)</li> <li>(2) The Company shall determine the shareholder register administrator and location of its administration office and announce them publicly.</li> <li>(3) (Same as the present)</li> </ul>

#### Present

(Rules regarding share handling)

Article 12 Procedures or commissions for handling the share or share option of the Company and the exercise of the rights of shareholders shall be determined by laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and the rules regarding share handling established by the board of directors.

Article 13 through Article 18 (Omitted)

Chapter 4 Directors and Board of Directors

(Number of directors)

Article 19 The Company shall have not more than ten (10) directors.

(Newly established)

(Election of directors)
Article 20 (First paragraph omitted)
(Newly established)

(2) A resolution for the election of directors shall not be by cumulative voting.

(Term of office of directors)

Article 21 The term of office of a director shall expire upon the conclusion of the ordinary general meeting of the shareholders pertaining to the last business year ending within one (1) year after his/her election.

(Newly established)

(2) The term of office of a director elected to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of a director before the expiration of his/her term of office or to increase the number of directors shall be the same as the remaining term for the existing directors.

(Newly established)

### **Proposed Amendments**

(Rules regarding share handling)

Article 12 Procedures or commissions for handling the share or share option of the Company and the exercise of the rights of shareholders shall be determined by laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and the rules regarding share handling.

Article 13 through Article 18 (Same as the present)

Chapter 4 Directors and Board of Directors

(Number of directors)

Article 19 The Company shall have not more than fifteen (15) directors.

(2) Among the directors mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the number of directors appointed as directors serving on the audit and supervisory committee shall be not more than five (5).

(Election of directors)

Article 20 (First paragraph same as the present)
(2) In electing directors, a distinction shall be made

- between directors serving on the audit and supervisory committee and other directors.
- (3) A resolution for the election of directors shall not be by cumulative voting.

(Term of office of directors)

Article 21 The term of office of a director (excluding a director serving on the audit and supervisory committee) shall expire upon the conclusion of the ordinary general meeting of the shareholders pertaining to the last business year ending within one (1) year after his/her election.

- (2) The term of office of a director serving on the audit and supervisory committee shall expire upon the conclusion of the ordinary general meeting of the shareholders pertaining to the last business year ending within two (2) years after his/her election.
- (3) The term of office of a director (excluding a director serving on the audit and supervisory committee) elected to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of a director before the expiration of his/her term of office or to increase the number of directors shall be the same as the remaining term for the existing directors\_(excluding a director serving on the audit and supervisory committee).
- (4) The term of office of a director serving on the audit and supervisory committee elected to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of a director serving on the audit and supervisory committee

#### Present

**Proposed Amendments** 

before the expiration of his/her term of office shall expire at the expiration of the term of office of the retired director.

(Directors with title)

Article 22 The board of directors may by resolution, appoint one (1) President (*shacho*) and, if necessary, one (1) Chairman (*kaicho*), one (1) or more Senior Managing Directors

(senmu-torishimariyaku) and Managing Directors (jomu-torishimariyaku), from among the directors.

Article 23 (Omitted)

(Convocation of board of directors and chairperson of board of directors)

Article 24 (First paragraph omitted)

(2) The notice of convocation of a meeting of the board of directors shall be given to each director and each corporate auditor at least three (3) days prior to the date of such meeting; provided, however, that such period may be shortened in the case of an emergency.

(Newly established)

(Newly established)

Article <u>25</u> through Article <u>26</u> (Omitted)

(Remunerations of directors)

Article <u>27</u> Remuneration, bonus and other economic benefits to be provided by the Company as consideration for execution of duties (hereinafter referred to as "Remunerations") of the directors shall be determined by resolution of a general meeting of the shareholders.

(Exemption from liability of directors)
Article <u>28</u> (First paragraph omitted)
(2) Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427,

(Directors with title)

Article 22 The board of directors may by resolution, appoint one (1) President (*shacho*) and, if necessary, one (1) Chairman (*kaicho*), from among the directors (excluding a director serving on the audit and supervisory committee).

Article 23 (Same as the present)

(Convocation of board of directors and chairperson of board of directors)

Article 24 (First paragraph same as the present)

- (2) The notice of convocation of a meeting of the board of directors shall be given to each director at least three (3) days prior to the date of such meeting; provided, however, that such period may be shortened in the case of an emergency.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph
  (1), the audit and supervisory committee
  members appointed by the audit and
  supervisory committee may convene a meeting
  of the board of directors.

(Delegation of decision regarding execution of important operations)

Article 25 Pursuant to the provisions of Article 399-13, Paragraph 6 of the Companies Act, the Company may delegate all or part of a decision regarding the execution of important operations (excluding matters set forth in items of Article 399-13, Paragraph 5 of the Companies Act) to a director by resolution of the board of directors.

Article <u>26</u> through Article <u>27</u> (Same as the present)

(Remunerations of directors)

Article 28 Remuneration, bonus and other economic benefits to be provided by the Company as consideration for execution of duties of the directors shall be determined by resolution of a general meeting of the shareholders, and such determination shall be made by distinguishing between directors serving on the audit and supervisory committee and other directors.

(Exemption from liability of directors)
Article 29 (First paragraph same as the present)
(2) Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427,

Present	Proposed Amendments
Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company may enter into agreements with outside directors to the effect that their liability for damages arising from their failure to perform their duties shall be limited; provided, however, that the limit of the liability under such agreements shall be up to the predetermined amount of one million (1,000,000) yen or above, or the amount prescribed by laws and regulations, whichever is higher.	Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company may enter into agreements with directors (excluding executive directors, etc.) to the effect that their liability for damages arising from their failure to perform their duties shall be limited; provided, however, that the limit of the liability under such agreements shall be up to the predetermined amount of one million (1,000,000) yen or above, or the amount prescribed by laws and regulations, whichever is higher.
Chapter 5 Corporate Auditors and Board of Corporate Auditors	Chapter 5 Audit and Supervisory Committee
(Newly established)	(Procedure for convocation of audit and supervisory committee)  Article 30 The notice of convocation of a meeting of the audit and supervisory committee shall be given to each member of the audit and supervisory committee at least three (3) days prior to the date of such meeting; provided, however, that such period may be shortened in the case of an emergency.  (2) A meeting of the audit and supervisory committee may be held without carrying out the procedure for convocation upon the consent of all members of the audit and supervisory committee.
(Newly established)	(Rules regarding meeting of audit and supervisory committee) Article 31 Matters regarding the audit and supervisory committee shall be determined by laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and the rules of the audit and supervisory committee established by the audit and supervisory committee.
(Number of corporate auditors) Article 29 The Company shall have not more than five (5) corporate auditors.	(Deleted)
(Election of corporate auditors) Article 30 Corporate auditors of the Company shall be elected by a majority vote of the shareholders present at a general meeting of the shareholders who hold one-third (1/3) or more of the voting rights held by all the shareholders entitled to exercise their voting rights being present at the relevant general meeting of the shareholders.	(Deleted)
(Term of office of corporate auditors) Article 31 The term of office of a corporate auditor shall expire upon conclusion of the ordinary general meeting of the shareholders pertaining to the last business year ending within four (4) years after his/her election.	(Deleted)

Present	Proposed Amendments
(2) The term of office of a corporate auditor elected	Froposed Amendments
to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of a	
corporate auditor before the expiration of his/her	
term of office shall expire at the expiration of the	
term of office of the retired corporate auditor.	
term of office of the retired corporate auditor.	
(Full-time corporate auditors)	
Article 32 The board of corporate auditors shall by	(Deleted)
resolution elect full-time corporate auditors.	(Bolotod)
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(Procedure for convocation of board of corporate	
auditors)	
Article 33 The notice of convocation of a meeting	(Deleted)
of the board of corporate auditors shall be given to	,
each corporate auditor at least three (3) days prior	
to the date of such meeting; provided, however, that	
such period may be shortened in the case of an	
emergency.	
(2) A meeting of the board of corporate auditors	
may be held without carrying out the procedure	
for convocation upon the consent of all	
corporate auditors.	
(Rules regarding the board of corporate auditors)	
Article 34 Matters regarding the board of	(Deleted)
corporate auditors shall be determined by laws and	
regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, the rules	
of the board of corporate auditors established by	
the board of corporate auditors.	
(Demunarations of corporate auditors)	
(Remunerations of corporate auditors)	(Dolotod)
Article 35 Remunerations of the corporate auditors shall be determined by resolution of a	(Deleted)
general meeting of the shareholders.	
(Exemption from liability of corporate auditors)	
Article 36 Pursuant to the provisions of Article	(Deleted)
426, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the	(2010104)
Company may, by resolution of the board of	
directors, exempt corporate auditors (including	
former corporate auditors) from their liability for	
damages arising from their failure to perform their	
duties to the extent prescribed by laws and	
regulations.	
(2) Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427,	
Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the	
Company may enter into agreements with	
outside corporate auditors to the effect that their	
liability for damages arising from their failure to	
perform their duties shall be limited; provided,	
however, that the limit of the liability under such	
agreements shall be up to the predetermined	
amount of one million (1,000,000) yen or above,	
or the amount prescribed by laws and	
regulations, whichever is higher.	

Present	Proposed Amendments
Chapter 6 Accounting	Chapter 6 Accounting
Article 37 through Article 40 (Omitted)	Article <u>32</u> through Article <u>35</u> (Same as the present)
	Supplementary provision
(Newly established)	(Transitional measures concerning exemption from liability of corporate auditors)  Article 1 Pursuant to the provisions of Article 426, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company may, by resolution of the board of directors, exempt corporate auditors (including former corporate auditors) from their liability for damages arising from their failure to perform their duties to the extent prescribed by laws and regulations regarding conduct carried out before the partial amendments to the Articles of Incorporation resolved at the 20th ordinary general meeting of the shareholders take effect.

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